**Special Exemption to MI-8-Helicopters of Pawan Hans Ltd.**

2115. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation proposes to take a fresh look at the special exemption granted to MI-8 helicopter of Pawan Hans Limited to operate at Bombay High without the mandatory on-board safety precautions; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) MI-8 helicopters have been wet-leased by Pawan Hans Ltd. from Aeroflot. DGCA has cleared their operations under Russian Airworthiness Regulations. However, in the interest of safety, provision of Mae-vest and adequate number of life rafts on board for passengers and crew has been made mandatory by DGCA. Pawan Hans Ltd. is also required to observe the Civil Aviation Requirements on "Airworthiness and Operational Control of Foreign Aircraft leased by Indian Operators" issued by DGCA.

**Cancellation of AI Flights due to Strikes**

2116. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of international flights of Air India cancelled during the last one year due to flash strike by the Airline staff;

(b) what is the total financial loss due to these strikes; and

(c) whether Government has identified the reasons for such strikes and what remedial action is proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

**Filling up of Reserved Vacancies for Various Posts in I.T.D.C.**

2117. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether an interview was held on 15-12-91 and 18-12-91 for the post of Clerk/Bill Clerk and Security Guard reserved for SC/ST under special recruitment drive in I.T.D.C.;

(b) the number of candidates appeared in the interview and those selected; and

(c) the number of backlog vacancies lying vacant in each category and the steps taken to fill these reserved vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) In the interview held on 18th December, 1991 for the reserved posts of Security Guards only 7 candidates (5 SC and 2 ST) appeared but none was found suitable for selection. No interview was held for the posts of Clerk/Bill Clerks. The backlog of reserved vacancies under these categories at the time of special recruitment drive for SC/ST in December, 1990 was as under :—

| Category of Post | Backlog |
|---|---|
| Clerk/Bill Clerk | 4 (SC-3, ST-1) |
| Security Guard | 6 (SC-3, ST-3) |

Subsequently, one reserved vacancy of Clerk was filled up through departmental promotion. Other vacancies could not be filled up as Security services were hired from private security agencies and no new recruitment was made in view of general slump in business.

**कानपुर/इलाहाबाद के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की उड़ानें**

2118. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस समय इंडियन एयरलाइन्स द्वारा दिल्ली से कानपुर/इलाहाबाद तक के लिए उड़ान सेवा उपलब्ध कराई गई है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है; और

(ख) इन उड़ानों को कब तक आरम्भ करने का विचार है ?

**नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद)** : (क) जी, नहीं । अपर्याप्त यातायात मांग के कारण इंडियन एयरलाइन्स ने 20-5-1992 से कानपुर और इलाहाबाद के लिए अपनी सेवाएँ हटा ली थी ।

(ख) इस समय इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की दिल्ली से कानपुर और इलाहाबाद के लिए अपनी सेवाएँ बहाल करने की कोई योजना नहीं है ।